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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ITEM 18, ILLICIT PAYMENTS/
TNC COMMISSION RESOLUTION

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1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU BY SEPARATE CABLE REFTEL B
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO US DEL AT VIENNA MAY 16-26
MEETING OF COMMISSION ON TNCS REGARDING RESOLUTION ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA MENTIONED REFTEL A. IN THE ABSENCE OF
SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS, THESE INSTRUCTIONS
AS CONFIRMED IN US POSITION PAPER ON ITEM 18 (TNCS)
CONTINUE TO BE VALID WHEN ISSUE ARISES REGARDING RESOLUTION
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AT CURRENT ECOSOC MEETING.

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2. WE APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF DELEGATION TO FIND COMMON
GROUND ON QUESTION OF TNC RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA,
BUT, ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE DELEGATION SHOULD NOT PURSUE
PROPOSED COMPROMISE. ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A SATISFACT-
ORY RESOLUTION CONTAINS RISKS THAT WE WILL SATISFY NO ONE
AND ELEVATE SUBJECT TO MAJOR POINT OF CONTENTION. THIS
DANGER OF COUNTERPRODUCTIVE RESULT LEADS US TO URGE

DELEGATION TO STAY AWAY FROM ISSUE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
WE ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH ARTICLE 7 FOR THE TIME BEING

AND WILL SEEK TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS IT RAISES WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AN ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION IS THE NEED TO AVOID
STEPS WHICH WOULD CAUSE SOUTH AFRICA TO BACK AWAY FROM
A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME
PERSUADING THEM TO GO ALONG WITH THE SCENARIO WHICH CAME
OUT OF THE LUANDA MEETING WITH THE FRONT LINE AND SWAPO
AND WISH TO AVOID NEW CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WITH THEM
WHERE POSSIBLE.
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